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The settlement proposed by the DOJ is adequate, especially considering that the issues behind this case are ancient history by the standards of the technology industry. The industry has already self-corrected. While desktop operating systems will always be important, they are no longer the only way to access computing resources, as users increasingly rely on PDAs, mobile phones and other devices to communicate.

In these uncertain economic times, it makes no sense at all to continue persecuting one of the great companies the US has ever produced. Windows is a world standard and let's not forget that it is also an AMERICAN standard.

Judge Kollar-Kotelly should discourage the dissenting States from pursuing the expansion of sanctions against Microsoft and put an end to this case as quickly as possible. We do not need the ongoing uncertainty in the tech sector.

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